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SUBJ: PROPOSED INDIANA STATE IOGA TRADE MISSION

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1. EMBASSY WILLING HOST SUBJECT MISSION WITH FOLLOWING CAVEATS. A) UAE IMPORT DEMAND FOR BUILDING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES APPEARS TO HAVE WEAKENED. IN FIRST QUARTER 1975 AS COMPARED TO LAST QUARTER 1974, VOLUME OF IMPORTS INTO DUBAI DROPPED BY 36 PERCENT; VOLUME OF SEMI-MANUFACTURES (SITC 6) DOWN 57 PERCENT. BANKERS SAY SECOND QUARTER TRADE WAS ALSO WEAK BUT PICKED UP BEGINNING THIRD QUARTER IN ORDER TO MOVE GOODS IN BEFORE RAMADAN. BANKERS BELIEVE DUBAI, ACCOUNTING FOR 75 PER CENT UAE IMPORTS, UNDERGOING INVENTORY CORRECTION AFTER UNBIDDEN EXPANSION IN LAST HALF 1974.

B) MISSION SHOULD INCLUDE ONLY ONE SUPPLIER OF STANDARD PREFABRICATED HOMES NOT RPT. NOT MOBILE.

C) DEPENDING ON MEMBER OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, GROUP MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS MAY BE NECESSARY.

D) MISSION AS A WHOLE SHOULD NOT EXCEED TEN MEMBERS.

2. RECOMMEND MISSION CONSIDER ADDING DUBAI TO ITINERARY. ADVANCE TEAM SHOULD ALSO PLAN ONE WORKING DAY IN DUBAI.

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3. TO GIVE MISSION MEMBERS AND ADVANCE TEAM TRAVEL
FLEXIBILITY, UAE VISAS SHOULD BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO
DEPARTURE FROM US. TRANSIT VISAS OF 96 HOURS ARE
GRANTED AT UAE AIRPORTS, BUT PASSPORTS ARE SEIZED AND
HELD UNTIL DEPARTURE FROM SAME ENTRY POINT.
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